

Newsletter April 2007

BALALLY
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News, Shows, Casts, Upcoming Events, all the stories

BALALLY DATES AT THE MILL THEATRE FOR NEXT SEASONS.

AUTUMN 2007. Oct 21st –27th
AUTUMN 2008 Nov 3rd—8th

SPRING 2008 March 31st - April 5th
SPRING 2009 TBA

CELEBRATE..

Thirty five Balally members came to Mao in Dundrum town centre to celebrate together an amazing year. The food was spicy, the wine flowed and a good time was had by all. For copies of some happy faces, contact Karen.

Susie Nix, Sally Anne Doddy and Ciara O'Byrne (left) and Jean Monahan with Judy McKeever...more on our website: www.balallyplayers.com...



Storage...

Container news..Container News...Container News....After long threatening, the container has been repaired. It now boasts a new felt roof, stone cladding, 13 air vents, oiled door, gravel path to door, gravel turnaround for parking. New flats made by Brian D and Paddy F rest in clean dry airy conditions...all old mouldy stuff gone!



Eithne Quinn and John Canning (left) in 'Watchdog'
Lorcan Dunne, Declan Brennan was nominated for Best Actor.

At Bray Festival for 'Forward to the Right' directed by
Carol Hayes received the cup for Most Promising Young
Actor.

'Out of Order Minister' is a Smash Hit!

News behind the scenes in your drama group.

Congratulations to Kevin Fahey, Cast and Crew of 'Out of Order, Minister' which had a fabulous week at the Mill Theatre last month, doing 90% at the Box Office and leaving patrons in a very happy mood indeed.

For a short snippet of the video follow the link: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8923484601071211750..>

Well done to Brian Molloy whose 700 lines flowed smoothly and to Francis Cahill in his first starring role...a sweaty masterpiece requiring several nightly changes of shirt. Biggest belly laugh came for Len Nealon in his fishnets and pink tutu.... but no more bouquets...every member of the cast performed in a superb ensemble. Thanks to crew and to Karen and Gary for help and support.

Love and Vengeance in the Studio.

More great audience reaction for the scene studies and short plays at the Studio from March ..a pleasure to see John Canning in a good role and to watch the new talents of Eithne, Izzy, Jackie, Audrey and Mags. Lovely to see Teresa Dempsey on stage performing and who can forget the 'Earnest' twins, Ruth and Karina. You will probably never see Karina in pink high heels again. Thanks to Oran for sound, Tony McGettigan for handsome butting and Orla for s.m.

More pictures from the celebration dinner at Mao in Dundrum.



READINGS FOR SUMMER SHAKESPEARE

at Lamb Doyles 11th and 12th April.

The Shakespeare will be 'Twelfth Night' and will perform at Airfield Gardens from June 27th and July 13th at Elm Park

SPEAKING SHAKESPEARE

Workshop for All.

Tuesday April 24th at The Mill Studio. 8.00p.m. sharp. Contribution €5. Tutor Tony Rushforth, M.A. ADA.GODA

'BY THE BOG OF CATS'

Directed by Jean Mondhan

Featuring Jim Carroll, Doris Cullen, Peter Flood, Claire Reilly, Muriel Caslin O'Hagan, Geoff O Keefe, Margaret Twomey, Rob Duff

OUTDOOR AT CABINTEELY PARK

Saturday Afternoon May 12th: **Much Ado About Nothing**
(35 mins)

Sunday Afternoon May 20th : **Melody**

The Mill Theatre, Dundrum

By the Bog of Cats

A gemstone of Irish drama, that delivers a haunting theatrical experience.

Written by Martha Carr
Directed by Jean Mondhan

Presented by
Balally Players

Wed 25 - Sat 28 April
at 8pm

Booking 01-296 9340
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Bog of Cats, Wildcatz and more ... !

Jean Says.....The Bog of Cats is a powerful drama and deserves the best audience we can muster so please support the cast and company. Thanks to everybody for the co-operation and help, particularly to Dympna Murray for set and costume design. Everybody will get some posters and flyers in the post to send along to family, friends and strangers.

Drama is not an easy sell at the theatre, particularly when Philadelphia and Sive have preceded the Bog of Cats in April so we must pull out all the stops. Performances are from Wednesday April 25th to Saturday April 28th. It's a great show with a very large cast and you will not be disappointed.

Gary Says....Wildcatz the company I run with Ger O 'Shea is hoping to put on David Mamet's 'Boston Marriage' in the Mill this summer...hard luck Karen, I know you like it. ...Anyway, if there is anyone particularly interested in reading for it, give me a ring.

Ciara Says...The AGM will soon be upon us and it's time to think about joining the new Committee. This years committee was just 7 people and when you consider there are around 70 members in Balally, its just not enough. How many shows? 4 full length, 2 one-acts, one an All Ireland Winner, a showcase in the studio, Christmas at Airfield, a Celebration Dinner and all the other extras...So please think of putting something back into the group and letting your name go forward for 2007 – 2008.

Karen Says... Brush Up Your Shakespeare..

Even if you are experienced member of the Shakespeare troupe, there is always something new to learn. If you hope to appear in this years show or in a future Shakespeare, then the course on 'Speaking Shakespeare' on Tuesday 24th is essential. It's fun, it's all voice and verse and it will give you the confidence to phrase the lines in the dreaded iambic pentameter.. 8.00p.m. sharp. Tony Rushforth is the tutor. He is adjudicating the All Ireland Finals at New Ross and will be on his way back from there. Thanks to Dympna for putting him up. Look forward to seeing you all there. Finish at 10p.m. Time for one in the Dundrum House!

2007 –2008...

SHOWTIME !!

Chairperson Ciara would like those who hope to direct in the next season to bring along their proposals to the AGM...so If you want to take the 3 Act slot in October or if you would like to propose a play for the Circuit or Bray or if you would like to produce Christmas at Airfield or work in the Mill Studio, put your proposals to Ciara prior to the AGM and they will

**Happy Birthday to
The Mill**

On May 4th 2006, 'Our Town' opened the Mill Theatre starring many Balally talents, particularly Declan Brennan. Plans to celebrate the Mill's 1st Birthday are being made and you may be asked to perform in the Square....more anon.